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# TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal letter;
- 2) Response to Restriction / Election Requirement

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 14, 2007. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 14, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-9, 11 and 13-14 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has indicated that these claims are subject to restriction and/or election for the following reasons, in relevant part:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions reading on claim 1, R7 is (b) or (c) where R11 and R10 or R14 and R15 form azocan-1-vl drawn to azocanes.

Group II: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions reading on claim 1, R7 is (b) or (c) where R11 and R10 or R14 and R15 form